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Natural Area Reserves System Commission:

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) has completed its review of the Draft Proposal for the Ilio Point Natural Area Reserve or Wildlife Sanctuary.

It is our recommendation to designate Ilio Point as a Natural Area Reserve. As discussed in the draft proposal, inclusion of the natural and geological features of that area will enhance the entire NAR System. Ilio Point contains many rare or endangered species that are unique and worthy of additional protection. Further, the recent involvement of the Molokai Land Trust in the surrounding property and the ongoing work of The Nature Conservancy at Moomomi provides opportunities for partnerships that will leverage work to protect a contiguous area of wilderness coastline.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely.

Paul Conry, Administrator

Division of Forestry and Wildlife